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U.S. MARSHALS HONOR FBI AGENT AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The United States Marshals Service honored Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent John Larsen as its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year at a ceremony held on April 17, 2003 in Arlington, Virginia. Larsen was presented the award by the Director of the U.S. Marshals Service, Honorable Benigno G. Reyna. Larsen was recognized for his outstanding efforts during the prosecution of Robert Burke in Chicago, Illinois during 2002. Burke was convicted of supplying the handcuff key to Jeffery Erickson, who ultimately used it during an escape attempt in which he killed Deputy U.S. Marshal Roy Frakes and Court Security Officer Harry Belloumini.

Although these events took place in 1992, Larsen's tireless efforts confirmed Burke's role in the murder of the two Chicago law enforcement officers. For over ten years, Agent Larsen never lost sight that the truth should be told through the criminal justice system. Burke is scheduled to be sentenced in front of Federal Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer in May 2003.

Larsen, who has been with the FBI for the past 23 years, stationed in Chicago for the past 20 years. Larsen specializes in bomb and arson investigations and is also a senior member of the violent crime task force since 1986. In addition, Larsen is also a senior team leader/coordinator for evidence recovery team since 1986.